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Significant Events - National

U.S. slaps more sanctions on North Korea after Sony hack

(Reuters) - North Korea was hit with more sanctions on Friday designed to impede access to the U.S. financial system in the wake of a cyber attack on Sony Pictures Entertainment, which the Obama Administration has said was supported by the reclusive country.

The U.S. government named three entities, including North Korea's military intelligence agency, and sanctioned 10 people with links to weapons sales and proliferation.

Financial sanctions have been effective in bringing pressure on Iran and Russia, but they have had limited impact on North Korea, which has been sanctioned by the United States for more than 50 years.

Get ready: The FCC says it will vote on net neutrality in February

(The Washington Post) Federal regulators looking to place restrictions on Internet providers will introduce and vote on new proposed net neutrality rules in February, Federal Communications Commission officials said Friday. President Obama's top telecom regulator, Tom Wheeler, told fellow FCC commissioners before the Christmas holiday that he intends to circulate a draft proposal internally next month with an eye toward approving the measure weeks later, said one official who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the agency's deliberations are ongoing. The rules are meant to keep broadband providers such as Verizon and Comcast from speeding up or slowing down some Web sites compared to others.

FCC spokeswoman Kim Hart declined to comment on Wheeler's communications with his colleagues, but confirmed the February timetable, which ends weeks of speculation as to when the FCC would make its next move.

Al-Qaida suspect dies awaiting trial for US embassy bombings

(Sacramento Bee) Abu Anas al-Libi, a man accused by federal prosecutors of being an al-Qaida member involved in the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, died of complications from liver surgery, his wife said. He was 50. U.S. special forces raided Libya in 2013 and seized him in the streets of Tripoli bringing him back to America to stand trial, where the FBI had placed a \$5 million bounty out for his capture. He had pleaded not guilty to the charges and was awaiting trial. al-Libi's wife said her husband underwent liver surgery three weeks ago, went into a coma and was moved prematurely back to prison where he suffered complications.

Significant Events - International

Hamas condemns alleged shooting of Gazan by Egyptian guards

(AFP) Militant group Hamas on Saturday condemned the fatal shooting by Egyptian border guards of what they said was a Palestinian minor on the Gaza border. An Egyptian security official said that troops opened fire on Gazans who had illegally crossed into the Egyptian Sinai, where the army has created a buffer zone to prevent the movement of militants. A Gaza emergency services spokesman said that the victim was 17 years old.

Many feared dead after cargo ship sinks off Vietnam

(AP) A Norwegian ship owner says one if its cargo vessels has sunk off Vietnam. The "Bulk Jupiter" was 155 nautical miles off Vietnam, en route from Malaysia to China, with a cargo of bauxite when it sent a distress signal that was picked up by the Japanese Coast Guard. A Vietnamese official has said that rescue operations were hampered Saturday by hazy weather and high waves. Bergen-based Gearbulk says only one of the 19 Filipino crew members was known to have survived.

City of Avalon High Wind Event, Los Angeles County

- On 12/31/14 at 0130 hours the City of Avalon went through a high wind and tide event. Avalon reported significant damage to the
 Avalon Harbor to the Los Angeles County OES. The City of Avalon continues to assess the damage and impacts and is in contact with
 the Los Angeles County OES to provide updates.
- Approximately 25 boats were reported to be torn from their mornings and fuel spills and debris has been reported in the water. The local Avalon Fire Department is not requesting any additional resources.
- Los Angeles County OES has requested their Disaster Mutual Aid Coordination (DMACs) to canvas their cities and to determine the extent of the damage.
- The US Coast Guard conducted an aerial recon at 0700 hours on 12/31/14 and additional damage on the island may surface.
 Infrastructure from the storm surge appears light so far, though may be revised as assessments continue. Local beaches are closed due to debris flow.
- The Cal OES Southern Duty Officer advises that a request has been placed to Los Angeles OEM for updated information.
- Per the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office via the Cal OES Law Duty Officer, two deaths have been confirmed. A 39 year old male harbor patrol officer was tossed overboard a boat and pinned between the boat and the rocky shoreline. While searching for the harbor patrol officer, a second victim was discovered. The second victim was a 53 year old male, who is thought to have been living on a boat in the harbor. During the storm, the individual is believed to have been thrown off of the boat and subsequently drowned.
- The coroner's office has still not released an official statement.
- Cal OES Duty Officers continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as they become available.



Weather of Concern

- Some cold temperatures may linger into Saturday morning, but are expected to begin to warm during the day Saturday as Pacific high pressure ridging begins spread to eastward. Dry days expected through mid-week, with occasional patchy morning fog. Very mild temperatures expected by Wednesday, before a weak system moves in later the week. Some rain is possible over the Sacramento Valley, but rainfall amounts are not expected to be very large.
- Beginning Sunday, the early morning temperatures are expected to creep above the freezing temperatures. Expect a warming trend to continue for the next several days over the valley and especially foothill areas.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php

Regional Cold Weather Activities

Cal OES Inland Region

- Several warming centers/zones are open as needed for the freezing temperatures.
- Butte County continues to follow up on reports of 27 damaged homes/structures.

Cal OES Coastal Region

- OA Activations
 - · None reported.
- Shelters
 - Napa, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Sonoma, Humboldt, Mendocino, and Solano Counties have shelters open at various locations.
- Warming Centers
 - Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Monterey, and Napa Counties have warming centers at various locations.

Cal EOC Incident - 2014 Drought

SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

Mostly dry conditions are expected through early next week as a ridge aloft diverts storms away. Temperatures will gradually moderate through the weekend into next week. An approaching cold front will bring the next decent opportunity for wet weather mid to late next week.

Medford Weather:

Temperatures aloft will warm quite a bit early next week and remain warm into mid-week. Under this pattern, conditions are likely to be quite warm for January in the mountains, and if there were any mixing, it may also be very warm in the valleys.

Reno Weather:

High pressure will prevail through much of the upcoming week with dry conditions continuing. Light winds and inversions will produce degraded air quality at times in urban valleys through midweek. Daytime temperatures will remain near or below normal through this weekend for lower elevations, then rise above normal for the rest of the upcoming week.

San Francisco Weather:

Freezing temperatures are possible once this morning. An upper level ridge will build during the weekend and result in gradual warming beginning today and continuing into early next week. Dry weather is expected to persist into the first half of next week with rain chances developing by late Wednesday or Thursday.

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

Dry weather with a modest warming trend is expected the next several days. A chance of precipitation is possible mid to late next week.

Hanford Weather:

Dry weather can be expected across the Central California interior for the next several days as a ridge of high pressure slowly builds into the state. A day to day warming trend will bring temperatures well above seasonal normals early next week. In the San Joaquin Valley, a frosty start Saturday will be followed by patchy late night and morning fog Sunday through Wednesday as the air mass stagnates.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

There will be one more night of chilly temperatures before high pressure dominates the weather pattern. Temperatures will return to normal by Sunday and continue to warm a few degrees each day into mid-week. A weak low is expected to approach by Thursday of next week for a cooling trend bringing only the slightest chance of light rain to areas north of Point Conception.

Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

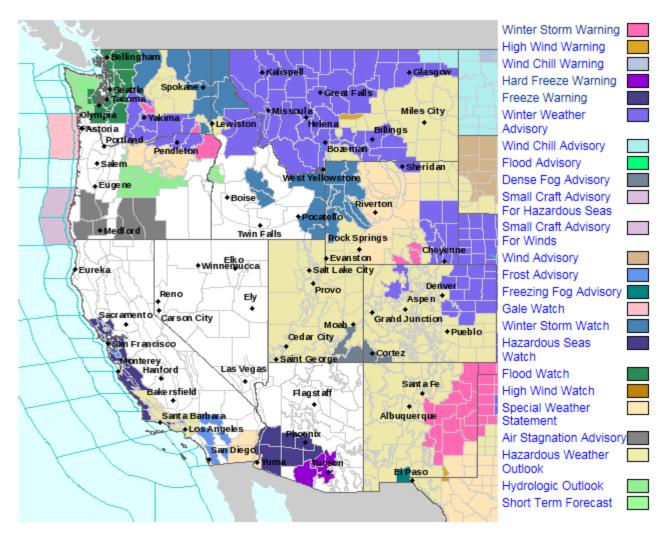
There will be cold conditions with areas of frost inland this morning. An upper level ridge of high pressure rebuilding over the West Coast will bring weak a warming trend though Wednesday. Weak to locally moderate offshore flow will develop for Monday and Tuesday followed by weaker winds on Wednesday. A trough passing by to the north will bring cooling with increased cloudiness and a return of onshore flow Thursday and Friday.

Southeast California Weather:

Strong high pressure building from the west will bring dry conditions and a warming trend over the next several days. Above average temperatures are expected by Monday and will continue through the week.



STATE WEATHER MAP



Last map update: Jan, 3rd 2015 at 6:04:12 am MST

FIRE ACTIVITY

Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php

NWS California River Forecast Center:

http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/



RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Boles Incident Vegetation Fire- City of Weed, Siskiyou County

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- On 10/06/14, the Governor issued Executive Order (EO) B-27-14, which provides CDAA, and debris removal assistance, including the suspension of rules and regulations impacting debris removal. The EO also provides the ability for nonprofit organizations to seek reimbursement for extraordinary activities through the State Private Nonprofit Organizations Assistance Program. As of 12/05/14, all debris removal operations are complete.
- On 10/28/14, the City of Weed reestablished water pressure to its downtown area; however, the water storage capacity for fire suppression is still lacking. The City expects water storage to be restored by 12/31/14, or sooner if the weather permits.

Individual Assistance

- On 10/01/14, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved a disaster declaration making SBA assistance available in the primary County of Siskiyou and the contiguous counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Modoc, Shasta, and Trinity, making low-interest federal disaster loans available to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations whose property was damaged or destroyed by the Boles Fire. The application deadline for property damage was 12/01/14. The deadline to return economic injury applications is 07/01/15.
- The Cal OES VAL continues to coordinate and participate in Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) meetings with NGO, Faith Based, and local agencies. Shasta Community Foundation was identified as a fiscal agent for the group. Individuals needing assistance should be directed to the Family & Community Resource Center of Weed located at 260 Main Street, Weed. Funding organizations will assist with unmet needs through the case management process. The VAL continues to work with the Weed LTRG in identifying resources and gaps in services.
- The College of the Siskiyou's website contains a Fire Resource List of various local agencies offering goods and services. The
 document can be found at http://www.siskiyous.edu/humanresources/documents/fireresourcelist.pdf. Additional information on
 recovery efforts can be found at https://weed.recovers.org/.

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Magnitude 6.0 Earthquake, American Canyon, Napa County

- Cal OES and FEMA announced that the Major Disaster declaration for the South Napa earthquake will also include the Individuals and Households Program under the Stafford Act. This amendment makes assistance available to help homeowners and renters recover from the earthquake.
- As a result of President Obama's major disaster declaration, the U.S. Small Business Administration declared Napa and Solano
 counties, making residents and business owners eligible to apply for low-interested physical loss disaster loans. This declaration also
 made available low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for businesses to apply in the primary counties of Napa and
 Solano, as well as the contiguous counties of Contra Costa, Lake, Sacramento, Sonoma, and Yolo.

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- RPA: 63 RPAs were received and 10 have withdrawn for a total of 53 RPAs submitted to FEMA.
- Kickoff Meeting: 53 Kickoff Meetings have been completed of which 3 applicants have withdrawn; one kickoff meeting is scheduled for the first week of January leaving 2 remaining to be scheduled once through FEMA's review queue. It is currently anticipated all kickoff meetings will be complete by 1/7/2015.
- PW: 215 PWs are anticipated to be written as a result of the Napa Earthquake. Currently, 75 PWs are drafted, 48 PWs have been entered into the federal database system, 45 of which have been obligated.

Individual Assistance

- The FEMA and State VAL continue to work with nonprofit organizations in Napa County regarding Long Term Recovery efforts. The Napa Earthquake Recovery Group, aka, eNERGy will be holding a general meeting on December 18, 2014.
- Cal OES IA Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) continues NGO coordination in Solano County. The Vallejo Earthquake Recovery Group (VERG), a long term recovery group, has formed and has established by-laws and elected an Executive Board. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) will provide case management training to local organizations in Napa and Solano counties.
- The registration deadline for individuals and businesses to request FEMA and SBA assistance closed on Monday, 12/29/14.
- Assistance Centers The SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) in Vallejo closed at the end of the business day on Tuesday, 12/23/14. The Local Assistance Center (LAC) in Napa transitioned to an SBA DLOC on Tuesday 12/30/14. The smaller operation maintains a presence by SBA staff as well as reduced FEMA staffing. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (closed 01/01/15).

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

2014 Statewide December Winter Storms

On 12/22/14, Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency in Marin, Mendocino, San Mateo, and Ventura Counties as a result of the statewide storms impacting California. At this time, Cal OES Regions and Recovery continue to work closely with all impacted operational areas to assess the impacts, losses, and costs of the December Winter Storm.

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- IDE field validations have been completed in Tehama and San Mateo Counties.
- IDE field validations are being performed in Sonoma County.
- IDE field validations are scheduled as follows:

Marin County 01/06/15 Lake County 01/06/15

Individual Assistance

- On behalf of the Governor, the Cal OES Director requested SBA to declare San Mateo County a disaster area.
- A Local Assistance Center (LAC) will be established for residents and business owners to apply for assistance at the South San Francisco Parking Structure located at 329 Miller Avenue, SSF. If SBA declares, it will operate a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) at the LAC location and will continue as needed. LAC hours of operation are Monday, 01/05/15, and Tuesday, 01/06/15, 9 a.m. 6 p.m.
- On 12/29/14, a joint damage assessment was conducted by SBA, Cal OES, and the County Tehama as a result of the December Winter Storms. As a result of the assessment, a letter requesting SBA to declare Tehama County a disaster area was prepared.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

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- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a biweekly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.